Delay in the Construction of Salal Hydro-Electric Power Project

862. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been considerable delay in the construction of Salal hydro-electric power project;

(b) if so, what are the reasons threfor; and

(c) whether the project would be completed on schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) to (c) The commissioning schedule of Salal Hydro-electric Project had to be revised a number of times due to complex geological conditions encountered during execution. According to the last review carried out in 1983, the first unit was scheduled to be commissioned by December, 1985. However, due to flash floods and consequent dislocation of work, this unit is now expected to be commissioned by June, 1986. The second and third units of the project are expected to be commissioned by September, 1986 and December, 1986 respectively.

Karur-Dindigul Project

863. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for the Karur-Dindigul Project till the 30th June, 1985; and

(b) by when the project is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) The anticipated expenditure upto 30-6-85 is about Rs. 20 crore on Karur-Dindigul Madurai Tuticorin/Tirunelveli B. G. line project, of which Karur-Dindigul is a part.

(b) Its completion will depend on allocation of resources in the coming years.

Indravati Project in Orissa

864. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the original estimated cost of completion of Indravati Project in Orissa;

(b) what is the present estimated cost for completion of the Project;

(c) what period for the completion of the Project was originally stipulated;

(d) what was the total amount sanctioned in the Sixth Five Year Plan period for the Project;

(e) what is the total amount proposed to be allocated under the Seventh Five Year Plan for the Project and what is the amount allotted for the year 1985-86; and

(f) the reasons for tardy progress of the Project and persons responsible for the same?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The original estimated cost of the Indravati Multipurpose Project accepted by the Planning Commission in 1978 was Rs. 208.14 crores and the present estimated cost is Rs. 564.33 crores.

(c) The project report stipulated a period of 9 years for the construction of the project.

(d) Rs. 62.04 crores.

(e) The outlay provided for 1985-86 is Rs. 38.50 crores. The outlay for the VII Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised by the Government of Orissa.

(f) The slow progress in execution of the Project has been due to constraint of resources, delay in acquisition of land and shortage of cement and skilled labour.